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## LOUD HINTS OF CROOKED WORK

Changes in River and  
Harbor Bill Cause Big  
Sensation.

## MARTIN THINKS IT WAS AN ACCIDENT

Openly Charged, However, That  
Rival Interests May Have  
Been at Work to Prevent  
Survey for 35 Feet of  
Water in Norfolk  
Harbor.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Senators Daniel and Martin, and the Senate members of the Committee on Commerce on the river and harbor bill, received the surprise of years when they learned today that the bill, as approved by the President, provided for two surveys to be made from deep water at Hampton Roads, one looking to securing a thirty-foot channel, and another for a twenty-five-foot channel, when they thought the bill provided for a channel of thirty feet and thirty-five feet, respectively.

### Astonishment Everywhere.

Senator Martin, when the bill came over from the House, succeeded in having it amended so as to provide for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the construction of a turning basin in Richmond harbor, and also providing for the thirty and thirty-five-foot surveys mentioned, and for a survey of the Appomattox, with a view to providing a turning basin at Petersburg. He looked up at these amendments when the bill went to a conference committee of the two houses, and when the report of the conference was submitted he was assured by them that all the amendments in which the people of Virginia were interested had been retained in the bill, with the exception of the one providing for the survey of the Appomattox. As the amendments were numbered, and the difficulty great in keeping up with them in the hurry-burry of the conference, the conference was adopted and the bill enacted. Senator Martin accepted the assurances of the conferees as final, and was congratulated upon having gotten through amendments of such importance to his constituents.

His surprise, and that of everybody at all familiar with the bill, may be imagined when it was discovered this morning that it provides that the survey to be made of the Appomattox shall be for a channel of thirty feet, and that the survey of the Norfolk harbor shall be with a view to securing twenty-five and thirty feet of water. The item becomes ridiculous in view of the fact that there is already fully twenty-five feet of water in the Hampton Roads to the navy yard. The amendment as adopted in the Senate provided for a survey for "a channel from deep water in Hampton Roads to Norfolk navy yard, with a view to widening and straightening the waterway, and for the purpose of increasing the depth thereof to thirty-five feet and thirty feet, respectively." The bill, as approved, reads precisely in the Norfolk survey item as the amendment, except "thirty-five" is stricken out and "twenty-five" is put in its place.

### Crooked Work Hinted.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire; Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, and Senator Berry, of Arkansas, who were the Senate members of the Committee on Commerce on the river and harbor bill, with the utmost positiveness to-day that the amendments were not changed in the conference committee, and they were possibly more surprised than was Senator Martin himself when they learned of the change. It has been made known that they had distinct recollection of telling Senator Martin that all the amendments he had proposed, with the exception regarding the survey of the Appomattox, had been agreed to by the committee, and that they thought the changes were made by direction of Chairman Burton, of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. It is that he, as noted far beyond his authority. Men speak of the change with great positiveness, and that of the Senate conferees, that the changes were not ordered in the session of the conference committee.

### Killed Policeman.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLON, March 9.—An American negro named John Wells, from South Carolina, on being refused entrance to a dance here last night, drew a revolver and shot and killed a policeman and wounded two other persons.

## LEADERS CRUSH NEW YORK STRIKE

Head of Brotherhood of  
Locomotive Engineers  
Orders Men to Work.

## SAYS THEY HAVE BROKEN CONTRACT

Local Managers Defiant and De-  
clare Men Will Not Return  
Until Strike Is Won—Num-  
ber of the Old Motor-  
men Back on the  
Trains.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 10.—Seventy policemen, detailed to duty around and in the subway, and at One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street and Lenox Avenue, were notified by a police roundman in charge shortly after midnight that the strikers intended trying to stop all trains on the subway and elevated roads at 1 o'clock, and that they intended doing as much damage by violence at that hour as they could.

### Two hundred strikers assembled at the corner of One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street and Lenox Avenue shortly before 2 o'clock Friday morning.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 10.—At 3 o'clock this morning it was reported that bodies of strikers in various sections along the subway and elevated lines were dispersing. Apparently all plans for a demonstration of any sort had been abandoned.

### (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 9.—The most interesting development in the subway and elevated railway strike situation in New York to-day was the stand taken by some of the national labor leaders in repudiating the action of the local leaders who ordered and are conducting the strike. The first intimation the public had that the strike was not endorsed by the national unions came in a statement from Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to which the motormen belong. Mr. Stone insisted that the strike was a violation of the laws of the national union, the men having broken their contract with the Interborough Company. He ordered the men to report for duty, failing which expulsion from the organization is threatened.

### The Statement.

Following is the statement of Grand Chief Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers:  
"The strike now going on by men claiming to represent the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is in direct violation of our law. It is not recognized nor will it be supported by our organization. The contract entered into between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Interborough Company, to which the motormen belong, is a binding contract, and we are bound to comply with the terms of the agreement. Members refusing to do so will be expelled from membership in our organization."

"It has been reported to me that many of our members have been misled by statements that the grand officers had given consent to this strike. This is not correct. No request was made nor granted, nor were the officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers consulted in the present situation."

### Local Leaders Defiant.

William L. Jencks, head of the local Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, declared that he did not recognize Mr. Stone's statement as having any influence on him or upon the strike.  
"Mr. Stone cannot dictate to me," said Mr. Jencks. "I will tell you whether we shall have supper or not. The men were ordered out, are out, and will stay out until the strike is won. Things are going beautifully, and since the strike was begun we have never been better."

### Conflict Inevitable.

The Associated Press is unable here to obtain any official admission that an unusual military move is in progress, but

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## RUSSIANS RETREATING BEFORE VICTORIOUS ARMY OF OYAMA NOW PRESSING STEADILY ON TOWARD MUKDEN



## RUSSIA RUSHING TROOPS TO SOUTH

Packing Turkistan Full of Guns  
and Men to Hold Great  
Britain Back.

## GREAT SECRECY OBSERVED

Russian Official Says Conflict  
With "Traditional Enemy"  
Is Inevitable.

### (By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—Russia is steadily reinforcing her military strength, both in men and guns, in the direction of the Indian frontier. Sensational rumors of the dispatch of reinforcements for Russian Turkistan were current two months ago, but they were then denied. The Associated Press is now in a position to affirm their truth on the authority of a traveler of unimpeachable veracity, who has just arrived from Tashkend and who was a personal witness of military activity on the recently completed Orenburg-Tashkend and other strategic railroads through Merv to Krasnovodsk.

### Rushing Troops South.

"Troops, guns and munitions of war have been moving southward for two months. Between the middle of January and the middle of February fifty-six military trains, mostly carrying artillery, arrived at Tashkend. The guns were mostly sent from Merv, from whence a purely military railway line goes to Kurluk. The traveler in question was informed, although he had no personal knowledge, that Russian troops had been ordered to Tashkend. The Orenburg-Tashkend Railroad was so crowded that the traveler was forced to return by way of Krasnovodsk."

The Associated Press informant states that the greatest secrecy is observed. Travelers who are rare, must be provided with special permits from the minister of war and are kept under the closest surveillance. The baggage of this traveler was twice seized and searched, and his papers were regularly examined. It is impossible to stand the severity of the Russian climate. His old malady, heart disease, is causing his physicians great anxiety. As soon as the weather moderates, the Pope will leave Rome for Castle Gandolfo on the Alban Lake, where he will remain for several weeks. The Pope's desire to go to Naples is opposed by the curia, who want him to keep on playing the part of the "Prisoner of the Vatican."

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## POINTER ON THE WEATHER



Highest temperature yesterday..... 41  
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 23  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 32  
Normal temperature for March..... 48  
Departure from normal temperature..... 16  
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .08

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises..... 6:30 HIGH TIDE..... 7:20  
Sun sets..... 10:30 Evening..... 7:35  
Moon sets..... 10:30 Evening..... 7:35

### A Russian of high position made the following statement:

"Russia has not any designs on India; as England is so fond of alleging. If Great Britain would only let us alone we would not trouble her, but we are not blind to the manner in which Great Britain has seized the occasion of the present war to buttress all her interests in Central Asia, where we have vital interests as she; nor can we Russians get over the idea that, sooner or later, a conflict with our traditional enemy is inevitable, and we realize that our only path to victory lies in the direction of India."

"Great Britain has been making hay while the sun shone. But Russia cannot hold her hands and see Tibet and Afghanistan converted into British provinces. Russia will place completely under British influence."

## OSLER "BLOOMING IDIOT," SAYS HENSON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOSTON, MASS., March 9.—Rev. Dexter S. Henson, D. D., the noted minister and pastor of Tremont Temple, in an address here to-day, characterized Dr. Osler, of Baltimore, who said men over sixty should be chloroformed, as a "blooming idiot" and a "foolish fellow." Dr. Osler, who has been in a bag and chloroformed when he was born, no such big gassing could chloroform such a pastor as Rev. Dr. Bates," he said to the latter's church.

### LONG BECOMES CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 10.—Walter James Long, president of the local government board, has accepted the office of chief secretary for Ireland. It is expected that Premier Balfour will formally announce the appointment to-day.

### Seven Men Killed.

(By Associated Press.)  
WILKESBARRE, PA., March 9.—While seven men were being hoisted in the car in the Clear Spring mine, a fire broke and the men were hurled to the bottom, a distance of 250 feet. All were killed.

## 23 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 23 advertisements for help published in today's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:  
9 Trades, 6 Domestic, 6 Miscellaneous, 2 Agents.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## NEGRO LURED BACK INTO HEATHENISM

Educated and Sent Back to Africa as Missionary, Becomes Head of Old Tribe.

## CHIEF OF DEVIL WORSHIPPERS

Name Dropped From Rolls of Church of Which He Was Member.

### (By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 9.—A dispatch to the News from Huntington, Ind., says:  
The Executive Committee of the Missionary Board of the United Brethren in Christ has dropped from the rolls of the church Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce, a native African, who was brought to this country as a child and after being educated was returned by the board to his old tribe as a missionary. It is charged by the board that after a service of twenty-five years as a missionary, the negro minister has been lured back to heathenism, has become chief of his old tribe of devil worshippers and has contracted plural marriages in the wilds of Africa.

Nearly fifty years ago Daniel Kumlir Flickinger, then secretary of the Missionary Board of the church, was in West Africa on mission work. While visiting a congregational missionary, an announcement was made that a male child had been born in the negro village. The host of Dr. Flickinger christened the baby Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce. Twelve years later the boy had been brought to America by a returning missionary. Dr. Flickinger accidentally discovered his namesake at work at the missionary house in New York. Dr. Flickinger took the lad to Dayton, Ohio. The boy was sent to school, then through high school and later to a medical college at Cleveland. He married a negro at Dayton. Later the two went to Africa to do missionary work among the old tribe from which Wilberforce came.

Later the missionary and family returned to this country, and Wilberforce lectured throughout the Central States. His four children, two sons and two daughters, attended Central College here. Two sons are still in the country, one at Outterbigh College and the other in the Dayton High School. Wilberforce has been informed of his relapse to heathenism, of accompanying plural marriages and of his becoming chief of the tribe. The venerable Dr. Flickinger is much depressed over the backsliding of his own son, but sanctions the action of the board.

## WOULD MARRY THE MISJUDGED GIRL

Worthy Richmond Man Asks Privilege of Protecting Defenseless Young Woman.

## MEET EACH OTHER TO-DAY

Wedding Likely to Take Place at Once if Both Are Pleased.

### (By Associated Press.)

The unfortunate girl whose story was told in the Times-Dispatch two days ago has received, through Rev. Mr. Willey, an offer of marriage from a respectable and worthy citizen of Richmond. The girl, who had been driven from her home in North Carolina by her parents, came to Richmond and found in Mr. and Mrs. Willey friends and comforters.

The good minister and his wife determined to see that justice was done the girl and, with that end in view, retained an eminent physician. The girl's character has been proved pure and unstained and there is every reason to believe that she will regain her position in her native town and be received by her family.

### Meet Each Other To-day.

On leaving, the lady said to Mrs. Willey, "You should find a good husband for that poor girl."

"What was Mrs. Willey's surprise to find, on returning home that Mr. Willey had received an offer of marriage for the girl from a well-to-do resident of the city."

The writer said that he was in comfortable circumstances and a man still young, who desired to take the part of the misused girl. He said that he knew that she was innocent, and that if she would marry him, he could promise her a comfortable home, and an unclouded future.

### But for Mr. and Mrs. Willey's care and guidance this happy ending of a cruel case of injustice would never have been accomplished.

A "Home for Wayward Girls" is a charity that should appeal to every thinking man and woman in the State.

## JAPS REACH HUN, CUT RAILROAD AND ENTRAP RUSSIANS

Kuropatkin, In Bad Plight Must Fight Desperately or Surrender

## BRIDGE AT FU PASS NOW UNDER HOT FIRE

Rennenkampff's Corps May be Isolated in Mountains North of Fushun.

## MUKDEN STILL IN HANDS OF RUSSIANS

Flying Japanese Column Appears Northeast of Town and Is Heading Rapidly West. Story of Tenth Day of Great Battle—Enormous Losses.

Mukden, at noon yesterday, was still occupied by the Russians. Fu Pass, twelve miles to the eastward and on the Hun River, a vital point for General Kuropatkin in the retreat of his eastern wing, was bombarded by the Japanese for an hour early in the day. Russian artillery replying vigorously. The outcome at this point seems to be in doubt. A wind-storm of hurricane fury was in progress during the day. No reports from the commander-in-chief later than Wednesday have been given out at St. Petersburg. Associated Press dispatches from Mukden indicate that considerable forces are well north of the city of Mukden and that the railroad upon which depends so much for the Russian army, is seriously threatened, if, indeed, it has not already been cut.

## ASKS FOR ARMISTICE?

Rumored in Lobby of House of Commons That Kuropatkin Has Taken This Step.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 10.—In the lobby of the House of Commons last night it was rumored that General Kuropatkin had asked for an armistice, but the report could not be traced to any reliable source.

### RAILROAD CUT?

Japanese Reports Say Russian Line of Retreat Has Been Blocked.

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE JAPANESE LEFT ALLEGES, Wednesday, March 9, the Japanese have cut the railroad between Mukden and Tien Pass. Details are not obtainable as yet. The Russian army is in retreat over the northern route. The left column of these armies is at Likampu, seven miles north of the Hun River, and has had a fierce fight with a Russian force three times its number. The Russian casualties number 10,000. The Russian center is retreating in great confusion.

### (By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, March 9.—The Japanese have cut the railway north of Mukden. Field Marshal Oyama, in an order directed the pursuit of the retreating Russians yesterday, prohibited his troops from entering Mukden in masses, in order to preserve the respect of the Chinese and secured places of the Imperial Chinese household and to protect the welfare of the inhabitants.

### JAPS AT TIE PASS.

Report Says Kuropatkin May be Forced to Surrender Within Week.

### (By Associated Press.)

NIUCHUANG, March 9.—Via Tien Tsin. It is reported here that Tie Pass has been invested by the Japanese and that General Kuropatkin, having no alternative, will probably be forced to surrender within a week.

### The Russians have not been reinforced from the direction of Harbin since March 1st.

General Nogai's army made a forced march of twenty-five miles daily, and acting in conjunction with General Oku's army, surrounded eighty thousand Russians in the direction of Tie Pass and cut off their supplies.

The hurrying Japanese armies passed a division of Russians without giving it any attention until the enveloping movement was completed, when they crushingly attacked the Russians on all sides.

### STILL HOLD MUKDEN.

Russians in Bad Plight—Nogai Succeeds in Reaching Railroad.

### (By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.—3:05 A. M.—St. Petersburg this morning knows little more of the outcome of the battle at Mukden than it knew Wednesday night, and little more of the fate of General Kuropatkin's eastern army. It is not even known whether the railroad has been cut and communications destroyed, though it is believed that the reported destruction of the line by General Oku's army refers to the damage inflicted on Wednesday night. Though the telegraph line is evident, however, that the Japanese are pressing closer this indispensable line of retreat. Their shells occasionally cut the wires of the telegraph lines, but the Russian army is retreating in great confusion.